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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

The present invention relates generally to nucleic acids encoding a novel neuropeptide designated cortistatin <u>and pharmaceutical compositions thereof</u>. The cortistatin nucleic acids, proteins and polypeptides thereof along with anti-cortistatin antibodies are useful in both screening methods, diagnostic methods and therapeutic methods related to modulation of sleep and disorders thereof.